IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claim will replace all prior versions and listings of claim in the present application.

Listing of Claims

1.   (currently amended)A method of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms, which is executed by an information processor, comprising steps of wherein:

storing in a data storage device a general business-operation-index group(f) including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group(x) including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, and the first correlation-information group(Mm) including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group, are stored in a data storage device;, risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when each plan of measures is executed, and investment information indicating investment amount necessary to execute the measure included in the general plan-of-measures;

by comparing business operation index data (A) of the enterprise to be reformed and the general business-operation index group, producing a problem-index group is produced by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business

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operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

accepting input of information indicating acceptable risk level;

producing the second correlation-information group (Mm') is produced by extracting correlation information relating which relates to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group, and which relates to a plan-of measures having a lower risk level than the inputted risk level from the first correlation-information group;

accepting input of gross investment to be invested to the management reform;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group(x') is produced by selecting one or more plans of measures relating which relates to the second correlation-information group and which has a lower gross investment than the inputted investment amount from the general plan-of-measures group; and

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group are output.;

further storing risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed in the data storage device;

accepting input of information designating the acceptable risk level by the information processor; and

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to

plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group.

Claim 2 (canceled).

3.   (currently amended)The method of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms according to Claim 2~~1~~, wherein ~~gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures,~~ ~~and~~ a business-operation-index-profit correlation-information group(Mp) including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise to be reformed with the general business operation indexes, ~~are~~is further stored in the data storage device;

a problem-index - profit correlation-information group(Mp') is produced by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

~~input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms is accepted by the information processor;~~

a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise is found out from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that ~~the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and~~ that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted; and

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the resultant final plans of measures are output.

4.　(currently amended)The method of assisting in forming plans of
measures for management reforms according to Claim 3, wherein: input of
target profit of the enterprise is further accepted by the information processor;
and

it is judged whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each
found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to
output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger.

5.　(currently amended)The A method of assisting in forming plans
of measures for management reforms according to Claim 4, wherein:, said
method, being executed by an information processor, comprising the steps of:
storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality
of indexes indicating a condition of business operation of an enterprise, a
general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures,
each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated
by respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index
group, and a first correlation-information group including a plurality of
correlation information, each of which defines a correlation between the
respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group
and respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures
group in a data storage device;
producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes
indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more

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business operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

producing a second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting a resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group;

storing risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed in the data storage device;

accepting input of information designating an acceptable risk level by the information processor;

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

storing gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index-profit correlation-information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes, in the data storage device;

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms by the information processor;

adopting or not adopting a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise is found out from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures;

resultant final plans of measures are output;

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise is accepted by the information processor;

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger;

accepting a change of the acceptable risk level is accepted by the information processor when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plans of measures is less than the target profit; and

when the acceptable risk level is changed, selecting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to the plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the changed risk level are

selected from the first correlation-information group, to produce the second correlation-information group.

6.   (currently amended)~~The~~ A method of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms ~~according to Claim 4, wherein~~, said method being executed by an information processor, comprising the steps of:

storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating a condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, and a first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines a correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group in a data storage device;

producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

producing a second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting a resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group;

storing risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed in the data storage device;

accepting input of information designating an acceptable risk level by the information processor;

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

storing gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index-profit correlation-information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes, in the data storage device;

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms by the information processor;

adopting or not adopting a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise is found out from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures;

resultant final plans of measures are output;

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise is accepted by the information processor;

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger;

accepting a change of the gross investment ~~is accepted~~ intended to be invested in management reforms by the information processor when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plan of measures is lower than the target profit;

adopting or not adopting a final plan of measures which maximizes the profit of the enterprise are found from the selected potential plans of measures under the limiting conditions that the gross investment intended to be invested in management reforms necessary to execute the selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the changed gross investment and that the each plan of measures ~~is either adopted or not adopted~~; and

outputting ~~the~~ resultant final plans of measures ~~are output~~.

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Claims 7-10 (canceled).

11.   (currently amended)A system of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms executed by an information processor, wherein: said information processor includes an input device, a data storage device, a central processor, and an output device;

said data storage device stores a general business-operation-index group (f) including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group (x) including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, a first correlation-information group (Mm) including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group, risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when each plan of measures is executed, and gross investment information indicating investment amount necessary to carry out the measures, and a problem-index group produced by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group; and

said central processor executes the following steps of:

accepting input of information indicating acceptable risk level;

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producing a second correlation-information group (Mm') by extracting

correlation information ~~relating~~ which relates to the problem indexes included

in the problem-index group and which relates to a plan-of measures having a

lower risk level than the inputted risk level from the first correlation-information

group;

accepting input of gross investment to be invested to the management

reform through the input device,

producing a potential plan-of-measures group (x') by selecting one or

more plans of measures ~~relating~~ which relates to the second correlation-

information group and which has a lower investment amount than the inputted

gross investment amount from the general plan-of-measures group; and

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures

included in the potential plan-of-measures group through the input/output

device.

Claim 12 (canceled).

13.   (currently amended)The system of assisting in forming plans of

measures for management reforms executed by an information processor

according to Claim ~~12~~11, wherein: the data storage device further stores

~~gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary~~

~~to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-~~

~~measures, and~~ a business-operation-index - profit correlation-information

group (Mp) including correlation information which correlate the profit of the

enterprise with the general business operation indexes; and

the central processor further executes the following steps of:

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information ~~group~~ (Mp')

by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem

indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information

group;

~~accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in~~

~~management reforms;~~

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures

which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means

included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions

~~that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of~~

~~measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and~~ that the each

plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted; and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures through the output

device.

14.   (currently amended)The system of assisting in forming plans of

measures for management reforms executed by an information processor

according to Claim 13, wherein~~:~~ the central processor further executes the

following steps of:

<u>further</u> accepting input of target profit of the enterprise through the

input device; and

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found

plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the

plans of measures through the output device when it is equal or larger.

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15. (currently amended)~~The~~ A_ system of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms comprising: ~~executed by an information processor according to Claim 14,~~

an information processor which executes the plans of measures for management reforms,

wherein said information processor comprises:

an input device,

a data storage device,

a central processor, and

an output device,

wherein said data storage device stores a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, a first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group, and a problem-index group produced by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group, and

wherein said central processor executes the following steps of:

producing a second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group,

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group, and

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plan-of-measures group through the input/output device;

wherein the data storage device further stores risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed; and

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting input of information designating the acceptable risk level, and

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

wherein the data storage device further stores gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index - profit correlation-information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes;

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wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group,

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms,

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted, and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures through the output device;

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise through the input device, and

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures through the output device when it is equal or larger,

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting change of the risk level when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plans of measures is less than the target profit through the input device, and

when the risk level is changed, selecting information which define

correlation relating to the problem indexes and to the plans of measures

having a risk level equal or lower than the changed risk level from the first

correlation-information group, to produce the second correlation-information

group.

16.   (currently amended)~~The~~ A system of assisting in forming plans

of measures for management reforms comprising:~~executed by an information~~

~~processor according to Claim 14,~~

an information processor which executes the plan of measures for

management reforms,

wherein said information processor comprises:

an input device,

a data storage device,

a central processor, and

an output device,

wherein said data storage device stores a general business-operation-

index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of

business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group

including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information

showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes

included in said general business-operation-index group, a first correlation-

information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which

defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general

business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures

included in the general plan-of-measures group, and a problem-index group produced by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group;

wherein said central processor executes the following steps of:

producing a second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group,

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group, and

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plan-of-measures group through the input/output device;

wherein the data storage device further stores risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed;

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting input of information designating the acceptable risk level, and

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

wherein the data storage device further stores gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index - profit correlation-information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes;

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group,

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms,

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted, and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures through the output device;

wherein the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise through the input device, and

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures through the output device when it is equal or larger; and

wherein: the central processor further executes the following steps of:

accepting change of the gross investment when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plan of measures is lower than the target profit through the input device,;

finding a final plan of measures which maximizes the profit of the enterprise from the selected potential plans of measures under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the selected plan of measures is lower than the changed gross investment and that the each plan of measures is either adopted or not adopted,; and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures through the output device.

17.   (currently amended)A program product read in and executed by a computer having a storage device to cause said computer to perform processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms, wherein: the program causes the computer to perform the following processing of:

storing a general business-operation-index group (f) including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group (x) including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general

business-operation-index group, and the first correlation-information group (Mm) including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group in a data storage device, risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when each plan of measures is executed, and investment information indicating gross investment amount necessary for executing the measure;

by comparing business operation index data (A) of the enterprise to be reformed and the general business-operation index group, producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

accepting input of information specifying acceptable risk level;

producing the second correlation-information group (Mm') by extracting correlation information relating which relates to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group and which relates to a plane-of measure having a lower risk level than the inputted risk level from the first correlation-information group;

accepting input of gross investment amount to be invested to the management reform;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group (x') by selecting one or more plans of measures relating which relates to the second correlation-

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information group and which has a lower gross investment amount than the inputted investment amount from the general plan-of-measures group; and

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group.

Claim 18 (canceled).

19.   (currently amended)The program product for performing processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms according Claim ~~18~~17, wherein~~:~~ the program causes the computer to further perform the following processing of:

further storing ~~gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan of measures, and~~ a business-operation-index - profit correlation-information group (Mp) including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes in the data storage device;

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group (Mp') by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

~~accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms;~~

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means

included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions ~~that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and~~ that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted; and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures.

20. (currently amended)The program product for performing processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms according Claim 19, wherein: the program causes the computer to further perform the following processing of:

further accepting input of target profit of the enterprise; and

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger.

21. (currently amended)A program of a program product read in and executed by a computer having a storage device to cause said computer to perform processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms, the program causes the computer to perform the following processing of:

storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index

group, and the first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group in a data storage device;

producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group; ~~The program product for performing processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms according Claim 20, wherein: the program causes the computer to further perform the following processing of:~~

further storing risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed in the data storage device;

accepting input of information designating the acceptable risk level;

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producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

further storing gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index - profit correlation-information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes in the data storage device;

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms;

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted;

outputting the resultant final plans of measures;

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise; and

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger;

accepting change of the risk level when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plans of measures is less than the target profit; and

when the risk level is changed, selecting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to the plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the changed risk level from the first correlation-information group, to produce the second correlation-information group.

22.   (currently amended)A program of a program product read in and executed by a computer having a storage device to cause said computer to perform processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms, the program causes the computer to perform the following processing of:

storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, and the first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group

and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group in a data storage device;

producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group and stored in the data storage device;

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures included in the potential plans-of-measures group;

further storing risk level information indicating levels of risk caused when the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group is executed in the data storage device;

accepting input of information designating the acceptable risk level;

producing the second correlation-information group by extracting information which define correlation relating to the problem indexes and to plans of measures having a risk level equal or lower than the input risk level, from the first correlation-information group;

further storing gross investment information indicating the amount of investment necessary to execute the each plan of measures included in the general plan-of-measures, and a business-operation-index - profit correlation-

information group including correlation information which correlate the profit of the enterprise with the general business operation indexes in the data storage device;

producing a problem-index - profit correlation-information group by extracting information which describe correlation relating to the problem indexes from the business-operation-index -profit correlation-information group;

accepting input of the gross investment intended to invest in management reforms;

finding a final plan-of-measures group including plans of measures which maximize the profit of the enterprise from the potential plan of means included in the potential plan-of-measures group, under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the each selected plan of measures is equal or lower than the input gross investment and that the each plans of measures is either adopted or not adopted;

outputting the resultant final plans of measures;

accepting input of target profit of the enterprise;

judging whether the profit of the enterprise obtained by the each found plans of measures is equal or larger than the input target profit, to output the plans of measures when it is equal or larger; The program product for performing processing of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms according Claim 20, wherein: the program causes the computer to further perform the following processing of:

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accepting change of the gross investment when the profit of the enterprise given by the found plan of measures is equal or lower than the target profit;

finding a final plan of measures which maximizes the profit of the enterprise from the selected potential plans of measures under the limiting conditions that the gross investment necessary to execute the selected plan of measures is lower than the changed gross investment and that the each plan of measures is either adopted or not adopted; and

outputting the resultant final plans of measures.

Claim 23 (canceled).

24.   (currently amended) ~~The~~ A method of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms, said method, being executed by an information processor, comprising the steps of:

storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, a first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group

and reference data, to which the condition of business operation of said

enterprise is compared, in a data storage device;

accepting input of information indicating the current condition of

business operation of the enterprise by the information processor;

producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes

indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more

business operation indexes from the general operation-index group, on the

basis of the result obtained by comparing the information indicating the

current condition of business operation of the enterprise with the reference

data for comparison and stored in the data storage device;

producing a second correlation-information group by extracting

correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the

problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;

producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more

plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from

the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures

included in the potential plans-of-measures group;according to Claim 23,

wherein: and

producing reference data for comparison, which correspond to the

category of business to which the enterprise belongs, are downloaded from a

sever accumulating reference data for comparison via a network, and the

problem-index group is produced by using the downloaded reference data for

comparison.

25.   (currently amended)~~The~~ A method of assisting in forming plans of measures for management reforms <u>said method, being executed by an information processor, comprising the steps of:</u>

<u>storing a general business-operation-index group including a plurality of indexes indicating the condition of business operation of an enterprise, a general plan-of-measures group including a plurality of plans of measures, each of which is information showing how to deal with the condition indicated by the respective indexes included in said general business-operation-index group, a first correlation-information group including a plurality of correlation information, each of which defines the correlation between the respective indexes included in the general business-operation-index group and the respective plans of measures included in the general plan-of-measures group and reference data, to which the condition of business operation of said enterprise is compared, in a data storage device;</u>

<u>accepting input of information indicating the current condition of business operation of the enterprise by the information processor;</u>

<u>producing a problem-index group by extracting, as problem indexes indicating problems in the business operations to be improved, one or more business operation indexes from the general operation-index group, on the basis of the result obtained by comparing the information indicating the current condition of business operation of the enterprise with the reference data for comparison and stored in the data storage device;</u>

<u>producing a second correlation-information group by extracting correlation information relating to the problem indexes included in the problem-index group from the first correlation-information group;</u>

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producing a potential plan-of-measures group by selecting one or more

plans of measures relating to the second correlation-information group from

the general plan-of-measures group;

outputting the resultant one or more potential plans of measures

included in the potential plans-of-measures group;according to Claim 23,

~~wherein:~~

downloading reference data for comparison, which correspond to the

category of business to which the enterprise belongs, are downloaded from a

sever network accumulating reference data for comparison via a network and

a program of assisting in forming plans of measures ~~is downloaded~~ from a

server accumulating the same,

executing the downloaded program executes by the use of the

reference data for comparison to perform the following processing of:

accepting input of information indicating the current condition of

business operation of the enterprise;,

producing the problem-index group;,

producing the second correlation-information group;,

selecting the potential plan-of-measures;, and

outputting the potential plans of measures.

Claim 26 (canceled).